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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDING LONDON AS INFO ADDEE)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, BQG, AKB
SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF IDENTITY CARDS OF EUROPEAN
PATENT OFFICE PERSONNEL IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) 77 BONN 10525 AND PREVIOUS
(B) 77 USBER 1133

1. AS NOTED REF A, WE THOUGHT THAT THE PROBLEM OF
CERTIFICATION OF IDENTITY CARDS FOR EUROPEAN PATENT
OFFICE (EPO) OFFICIALS IN BERLIN HAD BEEN RESOLVED
BY THE ELIMINATION OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR SUCH CERTIFI-
CATION. HOWEVER, THE FRG RETURNED THE SUBJECT TO THE
BONN GROUP ON OCTOBER 12, 1977 AND MARCH 1 AND MARCH 21,
1978. ON MARCH 21, THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) SAID
THAT THE MATTER HAD BECOME OF SOME IMPORTANCE TO THE
FOREIGN OFFICE SINCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE EPO HAD INTER-
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VENED WITH GENSCHER TO ASK THAT CARDS BE ISSUED AND THAT
THEY BE CERTIFIED. HE SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD
RESISTED THE REQUEST BUT THE EPO SAID THAT THIS WAS DONE
IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND WAS PRESSING VERY HARD FOR A POSI-
TIVE RESPONSE. THE FRG COULD NO LONGER RESIST THE PRES-
SURE TO CERTIFY CARDS OF PERSONNEL AT THE MUNICH OFFICE
OF THE EPO. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, IT DID NOT WANT BERLIN

TO BE TREATED AS A SPECIAL CASE. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THAT THE FRG DID NOT WISH TO MAKE BERLIN APPEAR TO BE AN UNFRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS AND URGED THAT THE ALLIES AGREE TO HAVE EITHER THE SENAT OR THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA CERTIFY THE CARDS FOR BERLIN. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO CERTIFY THEM.

2. SINCE THE QUESTION OF FRG CERTIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY CARDS HAS BEEN LAID TO REST (REFTELS) AND SINCE THE AK LEGAL ADVISERS, WHILE EXPRESSING A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR DELETION OF THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT, AGREED THAT THE CERTIFICATION COULD BE DONE BY THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA (AK) (REF B), THE BONN GROUP AGREED AD REF TO RECOMMEND THAT THE AK CERTIFY THE IDENTITY CARDS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION THAT THE AK CERTIFY THE EPO IDENTITY CARDS.
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